

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

One solution that eases the development and deployment of services on a best effort network is to deploy broadband network nodes on the edges of the network, such as the advanced traffic processor disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial Number [[_____]] 09/875,639, filed June 6, 2001, entitled "A System and Method for Allocating Bandwidth Across a Network," incorporated herein by reference. A broadband network node is a hardware device that processes network packet flows at line speeds at the ingress and egress points of an intranet. For instance, services are provisioned to the intranet by programming the broad band network nodes to classify, modify and shape packets to accomplish the desired service.